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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT <b>U.S. Citizen in Hospital at VORKUTA</b>		
AREA REPORTED ON <b>VORKUTA, USSR</b>	FROM (Agency) <b>7050 AISS (USAF)</b>	
DATE OF REPORT <b>1 Jul 54</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>Sep 49 - Mar 50</b>	EVALUATION <b>C-3</b>
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>None</b>		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		
<p><b>I. PREAMBLE:</b> While sick in hospital of penal labor camp # OLP 8 at VORKUTA (6730N/6400E) from Sep 49 to Mar 50, SOURCE was billeted together with an American citizen in the same ward of this hospital. SOURCE was able to talk to this American in the English language and so got into close contact with him,</p> <p><b>II. U.S. CITIZEN IN HOSPITAL AT VORKUTA:</b> SOURCE recalled that the American's name ended on "...ich". He was 58 - 60 yrs old, 1.78 - 1.80 m tall, slender built, black haired and in a very poor shape and health when first seen in Sep 49. According to hospital doctors he suffered from "functional disturbances". SOURCE believed the American's birthplace was SAN FRANCISCO (3745N/12227E). He was of Yugoslavian descent and had been employed aboard an American vessel as chief engineer prior to his captivity. On a motor trip made in 1946 from PORT DUNA (5250N/13322E) to VLADIVOSTOCK (4305N/13150E) while his vessel was moored in the harbor, he was arrested by Soviet soldiers or policemen. Since he had no permission by Soviet authorities to enter area of VLADIVOSTOCK he was blamed of being an agent and was later charged with espionage and sentenced to 5 yrs at hard labor. In VORKUTA, the American worked for a long period of time, prior to his confinement in the hospital as specialist for steam-turbines in the local thermal power plant. He told SOURCE that plant was equipped with several turbines of Belgian and French origin and had a capacity of 60,000 - 80,000 KW. Letters from his wife who was living in PARIS (4845N/0220E) were not handed but only read to him by the ward personnel. He also had special permission to write to his wife at regular intervals. When SOURCE was released from hospital in Mar 50, the American had recovered considerably and expected his repatriation in due time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>M. W. Feser, Major, USAF</i> J. L. FESER Major, USAF Commander 7051 AISS</p> <p>_____ INCL.</p> <p>DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR</p>		

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